

CONTINGENT EXTENSION REQUEST

If this communication is filed after the shortened statutory time period had elapsed and no separate petition is enclosed, the Director of Patents and Trademarks is petitioned, under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), to extend the time for filing a response to the outstanding office action by the number of months which will avoid abandonment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.135. The fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 should be charged to our Deposit Account Number 15-0700.

AMENDMENTS

1. X If checked, amendment(s) to the specification and/or claims are submitted herewith.

 If checked, an abstract is submitted as the last page of Appendix A.

2. Claims:

Please cancel claims 21, 23, and 24 without prejudice.

Please amend claims 1 through 4, 6 through 11, 13 through 20, and 22 and add claims 25 through 50 pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c)(i) as set forth in the “clean” version attached hereto as Appendix A. Entry is respectfully requested. A version with markings to show the changes made pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c)(ii) is attached hereto as Appendix B.

 If checked, the optional complete set of “clean” claims pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c)(3) is attached hereto as Appendix C.